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SUBJECT:ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP FOR ECUADOR UNDER 502-B-4

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1. AS EXPLAINED REF (A), USG DID NOT MAKE A DETERMINATION OF EXPROPRIATION DISPUTES IN OPEC COUNTRIES FOR GSP PURPOSES BECAUSE OF THE STATUTORY BAN ON GSP FOR THESE COUNTRIES. DEPARTMENT HAS FOLLOWED DISPUTES IN THESE COUNTRIES HOWEVER, AND WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN EACH INSTANCE, AS NEEDED. IN CASE OF ECUADOR, CERTAIN EXPROPRIATORY ACTIONS, PARTICULARLY THE RECENT SEIZURES OF CATCHES FROM US FISHING VESSELS, RAISE DIFFICULT ISSUES REGARDING DECISION ON GRANTING OF GSP. IF FISH ARE CONSIDERED TO BECOME PROPERTY OF FISHERMEN WHEN CAUGHT IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, SEIZURE COULD THEN BE CONSIDERED EXPROPRIATION OF THIS PROPERTY. DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO USG IN APPROACHING THIS MATTER BUT NO FINAL POSITION HAS YET BEEN REACHED. WE FEEL THAT UNTIL ALL ASPECTS OF THIS CASE HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED, A DETERMINATION OF ECUADOR'S ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP WOULD BE PREMATURE.

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2. FOR QUITO: POST WILL BE KEPT THOROUGHLY INFORMED OF ALL
DECISIONS CONCERNING GSP FOR ECUADOR. KISSINGER

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